

YEAR SINCE BIG BATTLE.

Story of Engagement on the Marne Where Allies Checked Germans.

The battle of the Marne began in the late hours of August 5, a year ago, yet some of its details will be cleared up only when all official reports and documents are available.

The respective strength of the armies during the battle of Charleroi and the retreat, the number and position of Gen Maunoury's forces during the retreat, and the preliminary manoeuvres and the number and origin of the reinforcements sent to him during the battle, are disputed questions. The reason for the sudden obliquing of Von Kluck's forces on approaching Paris are also in doubt. Little by little, however, the principal developments of the battle have been established approximately.

Though the execution of their plans had been retarded a fortnight by the resistance encountered in Belgium, the Germans, in their vast circular movement, pivoting on Metz, reached the line of the Sambre and Meuse August 21 with at least twenty-five corps (900,000 men) while the allies had assembled only seventeen corps (680,000 men), including two British corps. The allies, counting upon several days resistance by the fortress of Namur, took the offensive August 22, with the object of piercing the German lines at the junction of the Sambre and the Meuse and cutting the armies of Von Kluck and Von Buelow off from the rest of the German forces.

Fall of Namur.

Namur fell in a few hours: the army of Gen. Foch (120,000 men) concentrating behind the centre, was not yet ready to go into action, and the plan of the allies was compromised. After partial successes around Charleroi and on the Meuse, the first division of reserves at Dinant was thrown back and the 3rd corps at Marchiennes sustained a grave reverse, weakening the centre, held by the army of Gen. Lanrezac. Gen. Langle de Cary on his right had been checked in the Ardennes, and Ruffey on the extreme right was in difficulties with the army of the crown prince of Prussia at the frontier of Luxembourg. On the extreme left the British troops around Mons were violently engaged with great superior numbers, constantly increasing and gravely threatening their envelopment.

The French general was informed by Gen. Joffre, August 23, that the enemy was sending three more corps upon his left. Gen. Smith Dorrien's 2nd was already giving ground. Such was the beginning of the fourteen days' retreat, during which the allies, covering 140 miles distance, on the left wing fought continual rear guard actions and some important engagements that checked the advance of the Germans and prepared the battle of the Marne according to the plans to have been definitely fixed August 27 by orders in Joffre's own hand.

Held Teutons in Check.

Gen. Langle de Cary obliged the Duke of Wuertemberg to recross the Meuse and held him there twenty-four hours, retiring only under orders from Joffre that he must be at Lannois on the 29th. At Lannois and Rthel he held the same forces August 28 to 31, before continuing his retreat. From his position facing the Ardennes to the front of the Marne, he had fought ten whole days and covered sixty miles with his forces intact.

Gen. Lanrezac attained a success at Guise, but was ordered not to follow it up; the situation was not yet favorable for resuming a general offensive.

The retreat of Gen. French was attended with the greatest difficulties. The Germans, sending ever increasing numbers of soldiers by forced marches against his left, necessitated violent and desperate counter-attacks. At Cambrai he sustained the fire of the artillery of four corps; he lost 6,000 men from the 23rd to the 26th before being disengaged by a heroic charge of Gen. Allenby's cavalry.

The army of Gen. Maunoury, afterwards called the Army of Paris, partly constituted the 26th near Amiens and popularly supposed not to have been in action until September 6, appears to have gone to the support of the British contingent the 29th, in the region of the Somme, where it administered a severe check to Von Kluck's right. The superiority of numbers was too great, however, after every effort the allies found increasing forces on their left, and the lines extended continually further west. The Germans occupied Amiens and continued on as far as Beauvais. This strengthening of the line and the obliquing of the army of Gen. Franchet d'Esperey (formerly the army of Lanrezac) to the left created a gap between that army and the army of Gen. Langle de Cary, which was filled by the new army under Gen. Foch, in process of formation during the battle of Charleroi.

Turns From Paris.

Von Kluck's army, whose objective was supposed to be Paris, was officially reported September 4 as obliquing to the southeast, with the apparent intention of neglecting Paris and pursuing his efforts to turn the allies' left. At the same time the army of the crown prince on the left descended along the western edge of the Argonne. There were two theories of the sudden change in the direction of Von Kluck's march. One that he was pursuing the enveloping movement; the other that he had discovered the army of Paris on his right flank and by a clever dodge to the southwest avoided the menace of being enveloped himself. In the light of later disclosures the first theory seems to be the good one. The oblique movement continued after the partial check at Compiegne and Chantilly by way of Beauvais, Damartin, Meaux, Senlis and Compiegne were evacuated by them the 5th—the advance guard reached the region of Proviens, thirty miles southeast of Paris and twenty miles south of Meaux.

The "trough" or semi-circle prepared by Joffre's orders was in position, and the German armies had so far marched into it the 5th, that General-in-Chief Joffre was able to issue orders for a general attack the next morning, in order of battle as follows:

Maunoury northeast of Meaux, ready to cross the Ourcq between Lizy-sur-Ourcq and Nay-en-Multien in the direction of Chateau Thierry.

British Army.

British army on front Changis-Coulommiers, facing the east, ready to attack in the direction of Montmirail.

Fifth army of Franchet d'Esperey between Courtacon-Esternay and Sezanne, ready for attack in direction of the north.

Seventh army of Gen. Foch covering the right of 5th army and holding southern issues of the Saint-Gond Marshes.

Offensive by these armies to be taken September 6 in the morning.

The following day Joffre completed his disposition of the allied forces by orders to the 4th and 3rd armies as follows:

Fourth army of Gen. Langle de Cary: Stop movement southward, turn about and face enemy, combining its movements with 3rd army, which was to debouch to the north of Rivigny and take the offensive toward the west.

Third army will attack the left flank of the enemy which is marching to the west of the Argonne.

The formation of the position in which the German armies marched was that of a wide trough; Maunoury and French formed the side toward Paris, Franchet d'Esperey, Foch and Langle de Cary the bottom, while Sarrail's army formed the side toward Verdun in the Argonne.

September 6.

Maunoury's Zouaves and Moors began the battle of the Marne in the early hours of the 6th of September by recapturing the ridges of Marcellay, Carcy, Chambry and Penchard—while the 7th corps also advanced to the north.

From dawn the British army and the army of Gen. Franchet d'Esperey were heavily engaged with Von Kluck and Von Buelow's right. The British, facing a general northeasterly direction, attacked the German line in the angle of the trough. After ten hours continual fighting the pressure on the British front and that of the 5th army on its right diminished. Hard pressed on his flank by Maunoury, and with his communications threatened, Von Kluck was obliged to weaken his centre by sending two corps (80,000 men) to the support of the overwhelmed 4th corps on the Ourcq. The withdrawal of these troops was concealed by a particularly violent attack, in which were sacrificed a great number of men.

During the afternoon Von Kluck was obliged to repress the Grand Morin and abandon Coulommiers, but succeeded in maintaining himself on the right bank. The army of Franchet d'Esperey also gained ground. The Senegalese riflemen drove the Germans from the village and the environs of Jouy-sur-Morin at the point of the bayonet. Several villages were taken and retaken and the fighting continued by moonlight, the French troops taking three more villages.

The strongest shock of this first day's fighting was supported by the 7th army of Gen. Foch. After resisting the pressure of the first assaults a rigorous counter-attack realized a gain on his left before Mondement. The 4th army of Langle de Cary, though just arrived, also attacked vigorously along the entire front.

The army of the crown prince of Prussia had just taken up its position before the Argonne and begun an attack, which Serrail repulsed.

Dubail, in the Vosges, pushed back the forces of Von Heeringen, and De Castelnau held the Grand Couronne de Nancy against the attacks of the

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The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1915 until the 15th day of March, 1916 inclusive.

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